

# POSTSCRIPT!

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

CONTRADICTION OF THIS MORNING'S REPORTS.

[From the Washington Star of this Afternoon.]

Our informants state that the published accounts to the effect that the earth was blown up five hundred feet by the explosion, and that the report "awakened Richmond," shaking the earth as by an earthquake for miles away, is all nonsense. The mine was laid very deep, and the explosion, though effective and destructive, was distinguished by none of those pyrotechnic effects given it by the hand of fancy. The earth was thrown up in a brown cloud about one hundred feet, and at the same time a low, rumbling sound was heard, bearing no proportion in weight to the roar of the cannon. The sound of the explosion was not even heard at City Point, and the fact of the explosion of the mine was not known there until the arrival of the train from the front.

A pause of twenty minutes followed upon the springing of the mine before the charge was made by the 9th corps, who then sprang forward to the first line of entrenchments, which was carried, and they then pushed on to the second line, exposed to a murderous enfilading fire from the enemy's batteries. Here it was that the negro troops cowered before the terrible fire and fell back in disorder.

Other divisions of 9th and 10th, however, pushed on, gaining the second line of intrenchments and up to the third and last line, and apparently the day was our own, but here somebody blundered, and, if we may believe report, our troops paused for two and a half hours at this point, waiting the order to assault this third line, giving an opportunity for the enemy to rally their forces and crowd our thinned columns back to their starting point, so that the important advantages gained were snatched from us at the moment when, apparently, Petersburg was won. Our loss was pretty heavy in the fighting between the entrenchments, amounting to 1,000 or 1,500 men. It was reported at City point when the mail boat left yesterday, that we took 300 prisoners in the rebel intrenchments, and that some 700 of the enemy were killed by the explosion.

The Confederate reports appear to have been informed as to the direction in which Grant's mining operations were running, as shown by the fact that they had removed 12 of the 16 guns belonging to the fort exploded.

The story that Petersburg was burned on Saturday is not true, we hear. Casual shells may have struck buildings and fired them, but the town was not deliberately shelled as reported.

Though Grant has not succeeded in accomplishing his purpose in this initial attempt upon the works of the enemy, and is apparently no nearer Petersburg than he was before the explosion of his mine, he really has gained possession of information as to the enemy's positions that, combined with the destruction of the principal fortification defending Petersburg, places him much nearer the accomplishment of his work.

There was no firing after two p. m. on Saturday, and there was only desultory firing after nine a. m. Our troops were back where they started from before eleven a. m.

Since writing the above, we have information that the explosion was admirable, realiz-

ing all Grant's expectations; but we failed to reap the advantages expected to follow upon it, from the fact that the charge to follow upon it was somewhat delayed, and also to the fact that Ledley's and Turner's divisions, of the 9th and 10th corps, which made it, did not stand up to their work. The report that the negro troops behaved especially bad is not corroborated by our later information, which states that they behaved no worse, at least, than others.

President Lincoln left Washington on Saturday afternoon for City Point.

## GOLD.

NEW YORK, August 1.—Gold, to-day, 251.

A sail boat, containing Captain J. C. Graham, Mr. B. Wheat, a Federal Lieutenant, and a son of Captain Graham, were capsized, while they were out fishing, below the Bluff, on Saturday afternoon, and the parties thrown into the river, from whence they were rescued by another fishing party, in a boat close by.

There is great complaint in all the Northern cities as to the size of bakers' bread and the price of the loaf. A wag in New York says that the bakers will soon be able to deliver their ten-cent loaves through the key hole.

There will be a regular meeting of the Friendship Fire Company, on Monday evening the 1st inst., at half-past seven o'clock. The punctual attendance of members is requested, as business of importance will be transacted. By order of the President.

W. J. DROWNS,

Secretary.

## MARE AND COLT FOR SALE.

A FINE BAY MARE, five years old, with a colt about four months old—can be seen until Wednesday, 3d instant, at Huyck's Livery Stable, No. 11, North Washington Street. For further particulars inquire of R. L. Wood, No. 170, King st. aug 1—2t

## LADIES PAY ATTENTION.

I HAVE just got through taking a lot of Stock, and have selected the following goods to close out at cost price:

220 pieces Calicoes at 28 cts. a yard.  
40 " Lawn, all styles, 35 cts a yard.  
20 " Plain and Figured Debages, at 25 cts a yard, and a large lot of Prints at half price call and see.

P. S.—A lot of JOCKY HATS, at 50 cents, already trimmed, just received at  
jy 5—tf HENRY SCHWARZ'S.

## 500 tons SUMAC WANTED.

The subscribers desire to purchase the above quantity of SUMAC, for which the highest cash rates will be paid. Liberal terms extended to country merchants who may desire to purchase for them.

30,000 lbs. Domestic WOOL, also wanted.  
RAMSBURG & EBERT,  
No. 105, High Street,  
GEORGETOWN, D. C.  
jy 6—2m\*

## A CARD.

THE undersigned having purchased the stock, good will and fixtures of the well-known Grocery and Provision Store of the late John E. Henderson, begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally that he is now in receipt of a fresh supply of CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, and most respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.

W. F. HENDERSON,  
No. 226, King st., cor. Alfred  
ap 15—tf

## BRICKS!

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The subscriber has now on hand a large supply of BRICKS, of the best quality, which he will dispose of on the most reasonable terms. Orders left at the store of Mr. G. Appich, No. 151, King street, or at the Brick Kiln, on St. Asaph street, near the Canal, will be promptly attended to. [jy 6—1m\*] M. MAKELY.

## HOOPSKIRT FACTORY.

No. 218, King Street.

WE also alter Hoopskirts into any shape wanted on low charges. je 13—tf

## NOTICE.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR, }  
ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 26, 1864. }  
In conformity with the provisions of "General Orders No. 227, War Department," dated July 9, 1864, it is the duty of Recruiting Agents to report in person to the commanding officer of the District in which they are to operate.

All engaged in the business of procuring recruits are notified that unless they are legally authorized to act and have reported at these Headquarters before they begin operating in Alexandria, they will be arrested and punished.

By command of

Brig. Gen. JNO. P. SLOUGH,

Military Gov. Alexandria, Va.

ROLLIN C. GALE

iy 26—1w

Capt. and Asst. Adjt. Gen.

LINDHEIM, BRO., & CO.

MANUFACTURERS & WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

## TOBACCO AND SEGARS!

No. 74, Courtland Street, N. Y.

BRANCH STORE,

No. 96, King Street, Alexandria.

(Opposite the New Theatre.)

je 28—3m

E. M. WALTON & CO.,

NO. 38 KING ST., CORNER OF WATER ST.

Sole Agents for the Sale of

J. H. BALENTINE & SONS

CELEBRATED NEWARK ALUM.

To which they invite attention.

mh 17—tf

HATS.

CAPS

## SPRING STYLES!

JUST received, a large and well selected stock of the latest styles of SILK, SLOUCH AND WOOL HATS, of all quality and kind, which I offer on the most reasonable terms, for cash.

Also, a large and varied assortment of Children's Hats and Caps. JOHN HOWELL,  
mh 19—tf No. 156 King street.

## ALEXANDRIA

## CORPORATION NOTES.

## ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION STOCK.

## FARMERS' BANK STOCK.

for sale at EXCHANGE BANK.  
jy 14—tf corner of Prince and Water sts.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

W. L. MILBURN, DRUGGIST,  
Northeast Corner King and Washington Sts.,  
GIVES NOTICE to the citizens of Alexandria, that his establishment will be open on Sundays, from this date, during the following named hours: From half-past eight to half-past ten A. M.; half-past three to half past five, and half-past six to eight o'clock P. M., during which hours he will be prepared to fill with promptness and accuracy all prescriptions.  
je 10—2m\*

JAMES MOLAN,  
No. 15, King Street,  
DEALER IN  
CHAMPAGNE, SHERRY, PORT WINE,  
BRANDY, WHISKEY, &c.  
SUTLERS' SUPPLIES.  
ap 27—tf

LOST.—On Monday night, on King street, a small LEATHER WALLET, containing about \$50 in U. S. Treasury notes and a heavy gold ring, with miniature likeness in it. The finder will receive a reward of THIRTY DOLLARS, or if not satisfied can keep the money and return the book and ring.  
jy 29—1t\*

INFORMATION WANTED OF J. H. MYERS, who left Battery Rodgers on Monday morning for Washington, and is reported to have been seen in this place on Tuesday night. Any information of him or his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his wife, who will liberally reward the informant. Information can be left at the corner of Prince and Royal streets. jy 28—2t\*

FOR SALE.—A valuable HOUSE and LOT in Alexandria. Inquire of L. Hill, Esq., corner of King and Royal st. jy 25—tf